

Rev. Canon Cody, D.D., LL.D.,
603 Jarvis Street,
T o r o n t o.

July 4th,
1928.

Dear Dr. Cody:-

In reply to your favor of the 30th ult. regarding the proposed Women's Building at the University and something connected therewith as a Memorial to Mrs. Timothy Eaton, the Directors feel that this would not be quite suitable, as Mrs. Eaton did not identify herself with University women's activities, but with the work done by the Margaret Eaton School as a school of Literature and Expression.

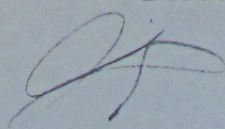
The Directors have now no proposal to make. The matter was discussed in 1924 with Victoria College when an offer was made. Nothing came of it, and shortly afterwards the School was discontinued. The classes in Physical Training were taken over by Miss Hamilton on her own account. Mrs. Eaton has never shown much interest in Physical Training but has permitted Miss Hamilton to use the name temporarily.

A few months ago when the idea was proposed to us of the possibility of reviving the Margaret Eaton School by finding it a place in the proposed Women's Building, we gave the matter some consideration. At best the School could there occupy only a secondary place, which would not be desirable for a Memorial, even if associated with such a worthy project.

To give it prominence would so alter the character of the institution which the Governors have in mind and would also so far exceed the amount that the Company would feel free to devote to it, that the Directors thought best to advise you of their decision not to give the project further consideration.

Yours very truly,

RYE/FEW.



THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN,
REV. CANON CODY, D.D., LL.D.



603 Jarvis St.

TORONTO,

June 30th. 1928

R. Y. Eaton Esq.
Toronto:

Dear Mr. Eaton:

In connection with the proposed Women's Building at the University of Toronto, I am extremely sorry to learn that you have come to the conclusion that there is no possibility of arriving at a plan that would be mutually satisfactory to the Company and the University. I do not wish to leave the matter in such a position. Will not you and your fellow-Directors make some proposal to the University, which is satisfactory to you, and which may prove to be satisfactory to the University? We shall be glad to hear from you at any time, and some members of the Board of Governors will be glad to discuss with you any proposal you may make, with a view to a mutual agreement.

With kindest regards, Sincerely yours, H. J. Cody

University of Toronto

TORONTO 5, CANADA

January 16th, 1928.

The Honourable and Reverend H. J. Cody,
Chairman, Board of Governors,
University of Toronto.

Dear Dr. Cody;

Following your instructions I have consulted with Mathers and Haldenby and, with them, have developed our complete scheme for a Women's Building. In these plans we have included accommodation which we have always considered should be provided as soon as funds were available. This additional accommodation includes a combined Common Room and Auditorium with stage and dressing rooms, storage, etc., a Library, a Music Room, a Reception Room and two Lounge Rooms, one of which is quite large and has associated with it a tuck shop and kitchen from which light refreshments might be served.

The building as now planned is, I feel, very complete and would meet in a real way a very pressing need among all the girls attending the University of Toronto. At present, as you know, they have no rallying centre and really no accommodation for literary, social or athletic activities. With such a building, the girls of the University would be placed on a par with the men.

It would give them, in effect, all that the men have in Hart House with all that that building means to the life of the men attending

The Hon. and Rev. H. J. Cody.January 16th, 1928

this University.

Our estimate of the cost is as under:-

BUILDING, including Architects' Fees.....	\$450,000.00
FURNISHINGS.....	\$ 50,000.00
BUILDING complete.....	<u>\$500,000.00</u>

To this figure must be added the following

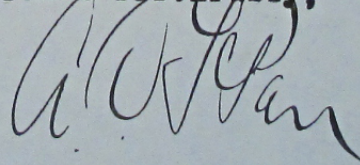
necessary expenditure:-

Cost of acquiring the Kappa Alpha House...	\$ 12,000.00
Cost of connecting to Central Plant.....	\$ 18,000.00
	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>

TOTAL.....	<u><u>\$530,000.00</u></u>
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Attached is a statement itemizing the
accommodation provided in this building.

Yours faithfully,



Superintendent.

LEP/ME.

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ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED IN PROPOSED WOMEN'S BUILDING

SOUTH WING

Lounge
Kitchen
Tuck shop
Stage dressing rooms (2)
Store rooms (3)
Office for Students Administrative Council
Office for the Varsity
Office for Students Christian Association

Common Room and Auditorium with Stage
Music Room
Reception Room

Library

MIDDLE WING

Lockers, showers and dressing rooms
Main gymnasium

NORTH WING

Lockers and shower rooms
Swimming pool
Small gymnasium
Corrective gymnasium
Lecture room
Quiet room
Secondary gymnasium
Caretaker's quarters

CENTRE FRONT

Locker and shower rooms
Laundry
Swimming instructor's room
Barber shop
Hairdrying room
Mechanical and Filtration room

Coat rooms (2)
Waiting room
Office of the Medical Officer with examining room and Surgery
Offices (2) for Physical Instructresses
Unassigned (1)

Committee Rooms (2)
Lounge
Kitchen
Unassigned (1)

*Eaton
Mr. Mac*

Executive Offices,
Toronto, June 8th, 1927.

RE MARGARET EATON SCHOOL

✓ Dr. Cody called to say that the Board of Governors of the University are considering favorably the advisability of establishing a school for physical training.

There is the sum of \$150,000. from the Massey Foundation which was earmarked for this purpose. The kind of building and equipment which they had in mind would cost about \$400,000. It had occurred to them that if those interested in the perpetuation of the Margaret Eaton School would see their way to putting up the building the Governors could set aside the Massey money as an Endowment Fund to be applied to helping along the work of the school. Or if \$400,000. were considered too large an amount it might be found feasible to erect the building in two parts, one part of which would be built with the Massey money and contain swimming pool and gymnasium, the other part would contain an assembly hall, class rooms, etc.

The University would see to it that pupils would receive a cultural education in Literature and History, and they would also favor considering including a class in vocal expression if so desired.

Physical Training for women will correspond to what is given in Hart House.

Both places would be put under the supervision of a director whose salary would be chargeable to a general fund of the University and not to either of these places.

There would be a properly qualified director, as at present in Hart House, and a Directress in the Margaret Eaton School.

The school would contain a small Assembly Hall which could be a rendezvous for women students.

Dr. Cody stressed the need for such a school in Toronto as there is none excepting the McGill College which gives diplomas which would be accepted by Government schools.

RYE/FEW.

*July 10/27.
Mr. G. H. said
he would take this
up at Dr. Cody's
first opportunity.*

Executive Offices,
Toronto, June 19th, 1926.

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH MR. R.Y. EATON:

RE MARGARET EATON SCHOOL

The writer mentioned to Mr. Eaton that at the last Directors' Meeting when discussing the discontinuing of The Margaret Eaton School, Mr. R.W. Eaton had stated that he thought something should be done in memory of Mrs. Eaton and as the School was being discontinued now was the best time to do it as she would know about it before anything happened to her. Mr. R.Y. Eaton stated that there were several ways in which this could be done.

JAL.LW.

*May 16/30 Mr. J.A.H. stated that
this has been up several
times.*

*Oct. 21/30 Mr. C. said "Forget";
has been up dozens of times."*

June 1st, 1927.

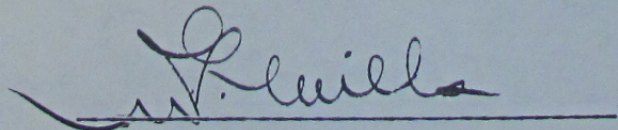
Mr. R. Y. Eaton,
Executive Offices

In speaking of the future of the Margaret Eaton School, Miss Hamilton says that the greatest obstacle to future progress is the probability of competition from the University.

It appears that for some years the University have been very anxious to establish a Department of Physical Education such as McGill has, and are only waiting for money enough to put up a suitable building. The land at the north west corner of Hoskin Avenue and Devonshire Place has been definitely set aside for this purpose, and Dr. D. Bruce MacDonald hinted to me very broadly the other night that the Governors of the University would be very glad to take over the Margaret Eaton School and its work if anyone were willing to erect a suitable building to house it. He was not very definite, but I gathered that he had in mind a building such as the Lillian Massey School, which bears the Lillian Massey name but is maintained and operated by the University. Dr. MacDonald said that the University would have been glad to take over Miss Hamilton's end of the school some years ago, but had not wished to assume the Department of Literature and Expression.

Miss Hamilton says that however attractive the idea of an independent school with a proper building might be to her, she thinks it would be virtually a waste of money to try to make it go in the face of University competition. Her great difficulty has always been to find a market for her graduates. The Public Schools are closed to them owing to their lack of University standing so that the openings have been limited to private schools, Y. W. C.A's, etc. and even these will be seriously reduced if the University starts to turn out a large number of graduates with University diplomas.

If it were decided to put any considerable sum of money into a standing memorial to Mrs. Eaton, the present situation would seem to offer an opportunity. It would, of course, involve passing the title to the building over to the University. On the other hand we would be free from any future costs of maintenance and the responsibility of operation. This latter will always be a danger so long as the success of the school depends upon a single personality as it does at present.



Treasury Department.

May 23rd, 1927.

Mr. R. Y. Eaton

yes I have told Miss Hamilton that the School is to carry on for another year under the same name. I presume this means advancing the necessary funds, as in the past, until the fees come in, and assuming the deficit, if any. The loss this year will be very small: in fact, if charges for residence rent, caretaking, etc. were omitted, the school should show a small surplus. The actual figures will be available this week.

Miss Hamilton said the other day that Canon Cody was going to approach you in regard to some scheme they have in mind for affiliating the School with the university, and erecting a building as a memorial to Mrs. Eaton along the lines of the Massey memorials.



Treasury Department.

WGM/W.



President's Office

Victoria College
Toronto, Canada

March 17th, 1925.

R.Y. Eaton, Esq.,
190 Yonge Street,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Eaton:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a communication which yesterday I received from Sir Robert Falconer. I had hoped until the very last for a different issue for this matter, although I had doubts from the beginning.

I am confident from conversations with Sir Robert, and from the action which was taken by the Senate Committee, that the sole reason for the action of the Board of Governors was the financial obligations which they feared would devolve upon them.

Of the work done by the Margaret Eaton School of Expression my appreciation has been increased by the conversations which have taken place with respect to the School in these negotiations, and I can only express the hope that so good a work may be assured a prosperous future in some way.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. R. Bowles

President.

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University of Toronto,

March 13, 1925.

Dr. R. P. Bowles,

President, Victoria College.

Dear Dr. Bowles:

Yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Board of Governors the offer of the T. Eaton Company in regard to the Margaret Eaton School of Expression was very carefully considered after it had been also under consideration by the Committee of the Governors. They reviewed it from every angle, but have come to the opinion that with their financial obligations and the uncertainty that would devolve upon them were they to take this School over, they must regretfully decline the offer.

I am asking you to communicate this decision to them, and at the same time to express to them the appreciation of the Governors of their offer and their deep regret that they do not feel themselves in a position to accept it, especially as on all occasions the Eaton House have been such generous friends of the University.

Yours sincerely,

Robt. A. Falconer,

President.

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